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DAVIS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

"Serving Davis County since 1934"



The Davis County Health Department began in 1934 and is now the oldest established local public health department in Utah. From the beginning, the Health Department staff has strived to ensure quality public and environmental health in Davis County. As public health professionals, their mission is to assure the conditions in which people live are healthy. Under the policy direction of the Davis County Board of Health, the Davis County Health Department's Health Officer and the approximately 135 employees serve county residents through the **Environmental Health Services**

Division, the Family and Community Health Services Division, and the Health Administration Services Office.

Environmental Health Services Division

Three bureaus make up the Environmental Health Services Division. In addition, the division's staff monitors emergency environmental response and cleanup following hazardous spills or other material releases potentially detrimental to the natural environment.

- ❖ **Air Quality Bureau** staff members oversee a wide variety of air quality programs within Davis County. Activities include: oversight of the wood burning stove program (in conjunction with the State's Division of Air Quality); providing clearing index information and burning conditions to citizens and applicable agencies; managing the State's Division of Air Quality air monitoring station in Bountiful and monitoring the data within the county; informing the public about air quality conditions, regulations, and programs; enforcing county and state air quality regulations; and collecting air quality data and monitoring conditions.
 - The federally mandated Inspection/Maintenance program conducted by the bureau performs vehicle emission testing, safety inspections, and registration at the county's Technical Center in Kaysville. The center also handles public inquiries and provides oversight for commercially operated Inspection/Maintenance program stations as well as their mechanics.
- ❖ The **Food and Sanitation Bureau** staff performs routine inspections on all permitted food facilities, schools, nursing homes, commercial day care facilities, and used oil collection centers. The staff investigates complaints dealing with housing, lead paint, solid wastes, animal wastes, and disease-carrying insect or rodent problems. The bureau also issues food handler permits.

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- ❖ The staff of the **Water Resources Bureau** tests all water sources serving the public. Bureau members periodically conduct sanitary surveys of drinking water systems in the county to assure the purity of the water supply. Public pools and spas require permits and must meet rigorous standards to operate within the county. The staff performs public pool and spa testing and monitors the fluoride levels of public drinking water. The bureau's water laboratory is nationally accredited and operates under the strictest requirements.

Family and Community Health Services Division

The Family and Community Health Services Division consists of four bureaus and offers personal health care services through a variety of programs. Also, this division provides Bioterrorism response for Davis County with Epidemiology, disease surveillance, emergency planning, and public information officer capabilities to alert county residents of local public health threats.

- ❖ The **Communicable Disease Control Bureau** staff conducts disease investigation and surveillance activities. The staff provides early detection and evaluation of communicable diseases that could threaten the public's health. Through investigations and statistical analysis, the staff works to identify timely treatment and prevention measures to minimize the spread of diseases within the community.
- ❖ **Health Promotion Bureau** staff promotes healthy communities and healthy lifestyles by addressing many of the risk factors and lifestyles that affect chronic diseases such as heart disease, arthritis, asthma, and diabetes. Healthier lifestyle behaviors are encouraged through outreach programs aimed at increased physical activity, cessation classes for tobacco use, and seat belt use.
- ❖ The **Public Health Nursing Bureau** consists of the School Nursing Program that provides school nurses throughout Davis School District. The staff also offers several home visitation programs for infants, children, and their families.
- ❖ The **W.I.C./Clinical Bureau** operates two Women, Infants, Children (W.I.C.) program offices and three clinical services clinics.
 - **W.I.C.** is a health program that serves pregnant and postpartum women, and also children under five years old. This program provides eligible Davis County residents with nutrition education, vouchers for nutritious foods, and referrals to other healthcare agencies.
 - **Clinical Services** strives to improve healthy outcomes by offering education and preventative services through immunizations, family planning, and cancer screening programs. The fees for these services are based on income and household size.

Health Administration Services Office

The Health Administration Services Office staff manages accounting, budget, purchasing, travel, and personnel functions for the entire health department. **Vital Records** staff provides services to the public by issuing birth and death certificates.

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